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DIARY NOTES

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1. Mr. Dulles has requested that in forwarding monthly reports of separation for grade GS-12's and above we give some indication as to whether each such action was a gain or loss to the Agency.

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2. Conducted a meeting with Messrs. Houston, Saunders, Garrison, [REDACTED] Grogan, etc., and designated Mr. Garrison as the responsible individual for developing, in coordination with the others, the justification for our new building money in time to meet our 3 May deadline with the Bureau of the Budget.

3. During the Deputies' Meeting the Director received a telephone call from the Secretary of State. The Secretary had called to find out whether Mr. Dulles was in favor of a suggestion....which was apparently being pushed by [REDACTED] 25X1A9a [REDACTED]...to the effect that Mr. Nixon should go and visit several satellite countries. The Director told the Secretary that he thought this idea was completely wild and that he would have no part of it. I gathered that [REDACTED] had 25X1A9a talked to Mr. Dulles about this and that Mr. Dulles had told him he thought it was completely crazy. Mr. Dulles was obviously concerned that [REDACTED] had apparently 25X1A9a pushed this idea elsewhere after it had been frowned upon by him and expressed his fears that [REDACTED] would bring discredit to the Agency as a result of having voiced 25X1A9a his personal opinion on this subject inasmuch as the Agency would get credit for his actions. He instructed Mr. Kirkpatrick to get in touch with [REDACTED] and find 25X1A9a out exactly what he had done about the matter. (I want to tell Matt Baird about this.)

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4. Met with [REDACTED] concerning the future of the Project Administrative Planning Staff. It was agreed that [REDACTED] would replace Bob [REDACTED] on that Staff. It was also agreed that we would move forward with our plan to decentralize to the area divisions the responsibility for preparing administrative plans. This will be done in two steps: (a) We will make a list of all existing plans and, division by division, turn responsibility for their administration over to the Chiefs of Administration of the area divisions; (b) We will proceed to have the Chiefs of Administration of the area divisions assume responsibility for the preparation of new plans. We will not disband the Project Administrative Planning Staff until we are sure that the new system will work. In any case, we will maintain a small function in [REDACTED] office to act in 25X1A9a an advisory and supervisory role. I agreed to speak to [REDACTED] and the division chiefs about this, after which we should have a meeting of the chiefs of administration of the area divisions.

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